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05.17.2007 | Students, Business The University of Dayton's graduate business students continue to prove they are the people to turn to for that winning small business plan. For the second straight year — seven of the last eight — a UD School of Business Administration team won the Ohio Graduate Business Student Case Competition.

UD's team of Lyalya Esadova, Amy Smith, Connor McCracken, Eric King and Chris Thunander won on the strength of its plan for Hearthstone Country Inn in Cedarville, Ohio. The team won \$3,000 for its winning presentation made last month in Columbus.

"They did an absolutely sterling job that will help that small business into the future," said Joe Schenk, a UD executive-in-residence.

Schenk and Tom Winning, another UD executive-in-residence, advised the team along with Mike Bodey from the Small Business Development Center at Wright State University.

The competition is open to all Ohio colleges with graduate business or accounting programs and students pursuing a master's in business administration, master's of science of management or master's of accounting degree. Judges evaluate teams' oral presentations, case studies and solutions for Ohio Small Business Development Center clients.

The Ohio Department of Development hopes the competition provides graduate business students an opportunity to work on practical business problems, contributes to Ohio's economic development and enhances links between Ohio's graduate business programs and business and industry.

Small Business Development Centers of Ohio, Small Business Administration, Palo Alto Software and Kent State University sponsored the competition along with the Ohio Department of Development.

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